

Sirs,

As a subscriber to XM Radio, I need to stress the importance to me of the availability of local programming on XM Radio. Living in and commuting around the DC Metro area, I especially rely on XM Radio's traffic reports, which are far more inclusive of area roads than the 15 second reports provided on local AM and FM stations. I find it incomprehensible that our elected officials would try to limit such services on a subscriber-based service such as XM Radio.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 to restrict local programming on XM Radio.

Sincerely,

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